

Submitter: Ancil Tucker

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

I and my husband have been residents of Portland for more than 20 years. We oppose this measure as we feel it will have a very detrimental impact on the life of all citizens of Portland. We have to acknowledge that normalizing Portland becoming a tent city will not address homelessness nor will it improve the lives of houseless people. It will however strong and negatively impact the lives of all tax paying, law-abiding citizens of Portland who just want to go about our daily lives. To be clear, we donate to "feeding America" and to other charities to help homeless people. We do however want to be able to safely live in Portland. We have been accosted and threatened by mentally ill, possibly drug using homeless people while walking to the bank in broad daylight. We have had homeless people under the influence passed out on our front lawn. This is unacceptable and not something we feel we should have to endure. We pay our taxes - a lot of taxes - we obey the laws and are good neighbors and citizens. We expect to be treated with at least a little consideration and respect by our elected officials.

Thank you for considering our position.

Ancil Tucker